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SUBJ: REMITTANCES: ENCOURAGING WORDS ON SHARE-SALE COMPENSATION

AND AIRLINE TICKET SALES

REF: ACCRA 4087 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. DURING COURSE OF BRIEF COURTESY CALL BY CHARGE AND ECON COUNSELOR ON NEW FINANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAH, LATTER INFORMED US THAT GOG HAD DECIDED TO BEGIN PROCESS OF AUTHORIZING REMITTANCES (IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE) OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF EQUITY SHARES UNDER THE INVESTMENT POLICY DECREE. COMMISSIONER SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH BANK OF GHANA GOVERNOR ASHIAGBOR AND THAT FIRST PAYMENTS WERE HOPEFULLY TO BE MADE BY OCTOBER 1978. WHEN WE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF GOG ANNOUNCING A SCHEDULE FOR SUCH PAYMENTS, THE COMMISSIONER DEMURRED, NOTING THAT FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONSTRAINTS MIGHT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOG TO ADHERE TO SUCH A SCHEDULE EVEN IF ANNOUNCED. COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT GOG WAS GIVING SUCH REMITTANCES PRIORITY OVER REMITTING PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS, ALTHOUGH LATTER WOULD NOT BE WHOLLY NEGLECTED.
- 2. AIRLINE TICKET SALES. PANAM REP INFORMED US SAME DAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT BANK OF GHANA GOVERNOR HAS ASSURED FOREIGN AIRLINE REPS HERE THAT BALANCE OF UNREMITTED BACKLOG FROM 1976 (TOTALLING CEDI FIVE MILLIONS FOR ALL AIRLINES) WOULD BE REMITTED (AT OLD EXCHANGE RATE) ALSO BY OCTOBER, WITH 1977 BACKLOG TO FOLLOW.

3. COMMENT: WHILE PROOF OF THIS PUDDING WILL BE IN

THE EATING, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY NEW COMMISSIONER'S UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM AND REPORTED STATEMENT OF BANK OF GHANA GOVERNOR TO AIRLINES. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON ENTIRE REMITTANCES QUESTION WITH BANK OF GHANA. HOLMES

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